

82. The method of claim 80 wherein said imaging center comprises and imaging machine and wherein said fixed fee is for the storage and transmission of one or more image files originating from the imaging machine.

83. An image history tracking system comprising:

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a central image management system configured to receive an image file from an imaging center, to store the image file in long-term storage, to create a history record associated with the image file, and to transmit the image file to a designated location,

wherein the history record includes one or more data selected from a location where the image file is transmitted, when the image is transmitted to the location, when the image is received by the location, and when the image has been opened at the location; and

wherein the central data management system is arranged to update the history record to include an additional of said one or more data.--

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